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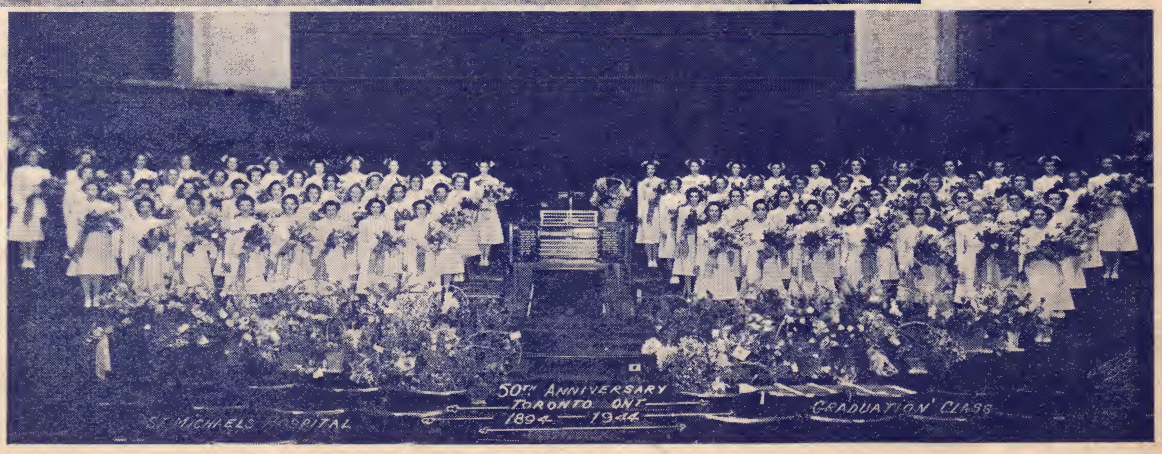

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It is regretted that due to lack of addresses all St. Michael's graduates were not contacted for the re-union. However, in an attempt to rectify this a general invitation was extended through the public press and radio. We do want you to know that we were thinking about you, even though we failed to reach you.

SISTER SUPERIOR.

Once again the beginning of a new year for the Alumnae News has arrived and the magazine is in the hands of a comparatively new group. We wish to thank those who contributed so generously last year to make The News so welcome a periodical at home and abroad. They have left a fine record behind for us to follow. With the help of our splendid staff we hope to maintain these high standards.

It has come to our notice that many have failed to receive The News. This is in most cases due to the members changing their address and failing to notify us. If we know your address you will certainly get The News.

THE EDITORS.

Congratulations to the Editor and Staff of "The St. Elizabeth News." This little paper made its first appearance in April of this year—we are looking forward to further issues! In it we saw the following item which sums up a prevalent situation nicely:

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
The kind who would be missed,
Or are you just content
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
And help the work along,
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?

Think this over, members,
You know right from wrong.
Are YOU an active member
Or do you just belong?

By W. F. FIELD,
Vancouver, B.C.

ALUMNAE

Alumnae Meeting.

THE June Meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the Nurses' Residence on June 13th. The graduates of 1944 were the guests of honour and the meeting was exceptionally well attended. Margaret Simpson Rae was the fortunate winner of the attendance prize.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed $561.76 in the Scholarship Fund. The Graduate Scholarship was not awarded as there were only two applications for it and both of these were ineligible. The following Reports were read:

Plan for Hospital Care was read by the Convener, Miss Veronica Murphy. This project went over the top, enrolling 75% of the members. It will be re-opened in November to take in new applicants. Some nurses are already reaping the benefits of the Plan during their illness. Miss E. Crocker moved a very hearty vote of thanks which was readily endorsed by all members.

Private Duty - Registry—Mary Brown gave this report and urged all members to turn out to the Registry meetings and take an active part in the legislation enacted. All were urged to consider well the matter of the increase in private duty fees and asked to exercise their vote.

Nursing Education—Miss Grace Murphy read the plans proposed by the Ontario Department of Public Health Nursing to speed up the training of public health nurses.

Graduation Dance—This report was submitted by Miss M. Haughey. While an enjoyable evening was had by all, the Committee felt badly to report a deficit of $17.95. However, in view of the inclement weather and general conditions the members felt that the conveners were to be congratulated.

Under the convenership of Mrs. Neville the undergraduates presented a very interesting programme. Later refreshments were served.

CLASS REUNION

The Sept. '36 class held a re-union party at the Nurses' Residence, St. Joseph's Hospital, after the Big Day. They were the guests of Rev. Sister Vianney, a member of the class. Among those present were: Mrs. J. Roche (Judy Dillon), M. Donahue, Mrs. M. Harrison (Marian Valiquette), Mrs. J. Harding (R. Lee), Pat Murphy, Kay Boyle, Marg. Salkeld, Reta Redmond (London, Ont.), Mrs. W. Sedgewick (L. Dawson), Mrs. F. McCowatt (P. Betson), and Sally Stillman Wilkins, Woodstock, Ont.

Undergraduate Activities

CLASS picnics are now under way with the day off weekly making it a whole day. Huge lunches are prepared which, of course, is the most attractive part of a picnic. The coats of tan around the Residence now look as if they had come from Florida.

The Summer School of Catholic Action was held in Montreal again this year. Miss Betty Murphy represented the School, and we are looking forward to her report with interest.

The Graduation Breakfast was held for the first time in the Nurses' Dining Hall, with the entire student body in attendance. The Hall was artistically decorated in the school colors, red and white. Sister Mary of the Nativity was present to congratulate the girls.

The Graduation Dance in honour of the Graduates of 1944 given by the Alumnae was much enjoyed by all. Most of the girls were in formal dress which was a special treat. The Graduates would like to thank Miss M. A. Haughey and Miss Marie Kraft, who convened the dance.

The recent graduates attended their first Alumnae meeting, which proved to be a very entertaining one. As guests they enjoyed an evening of entertainment, watched the proceedings with interest and relished the refreshments.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy '45 is to be next year's reporter to the Alumnae News.

Re-Union Attendance.

The first day—1894--1919—111 present and registered.

The second day—1920-1933—262 present and registered.

The third day—1934-1943—227 present and registered.

There were really more than 227 present on the last day but many of them were nurses who had been registered on previous days and returned to see many they knew. It may seem odd that more were not present on the last day, but many of this group are Overseas or have home responsibilities which prevented them from being present.

Graduation

THE 50th annual Graduation Exercises of St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing were held on May 19th, in Convocation Hall. This Golden Jubilee Class, seventy-four in number, carrying arm bouquets of red roses, contrasted with the first class of five. During the interval 1,550 nurses have graduated from St. Michael's.

Mr. J. J. Fitzgibbons of the Board of Governors, was Chairman, and gave a graphic review of the history of the Nursing School. He also presented the diplomas and pins. Mr. Quentin MacLean presided at the organ and contributed greatly to the programme. Monsignor Brennan, V.G., President of St. Augustine's Seminary, gave the address to the graduates, congratulating them and the School on the success in which they all shared.

Scholarships and prizes presented by the donors, were awarded as follows:

1. **Scholarship for One Year's Post Graduate Work in Public Health Nursing;** given by the Women's Auxiliary—Rose Stanfield, Dixie, Ont.
2. **Scholarship for Post-Graduate Work,** given by the Alumnae Association—Mary Comartin, New Lowell, Ont.
3. **—Highest Standing in Obstetrical Nursing,** given by Dr. D'Arcy Frawley—Adella Matusaitis, Toronto, Ont.
4. **The Doctor Gideon Silverthorne Memorial Prize for Proficiency in Surgical Nursing and Operating Room Technique**—Jane Meaden, Toronto, Ont.
5. **The Doctor R. J. Dwyer Memorial Prize,** given by Dr. J. Loudon for General Proficiency—Joan Mackinnon, Holyrood, Ont.
6. **Highest Standing in Practical Nursing,** given by Dr. George Wilson.
   Senior Year—Theresa Joinette, Niagara Falls, Ont.
   Intermediate Year—Mary Shaver, Midland, Ont.
   Junior Year — Elizabeth Murphy, Moncton, N.B.
7. **Efficiency in Bedside Nursing,** given by Mr. F. J. Hughes, K.C., LL.D.—Kathleen Davie, Toronto, Ont.
8. **Efficiency in Urological Nursing,** given by Dr. G. S. Foulds—Veronica Publow, Perth, Ont.

The graduates are as follows: Marjorie Adams, Montreal, Que.; Marjorie Bacon, Timmins, Ont.; Edith Baldwin, St. Catharines, Ont.; Dorothy Banks, Kamsack, Sask.; Shirley Bell, Toronto, Ont.; Helen Clancy, Kirkland Lake, Ont.; Marie Clancy, Kirkland Lake, Ont.; Stella Crocco, Timmins, Ont.; Kathleen Davie, Toronto, Ont.; Mary Rose Fenton, Ottawa, Ont.; Ora Field, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Marion Hill, Welland, Ont.; Geneva Hollett, Toronto, Ont.; Helen Holyday, New Toronto, Ont.; Mary Kovalchuk, Kirkland Lake, Ont.; Joan MacKinnon, Holyrood, Ont.; Jane Meaden, Toronto, Ont.; Dorothy Moran, Lockport, N.Y.; Anna McMahon, Belleville, Ont.; Marion McNeil, Halifax, N.S.; Loretto Negus, Sudbury, Ont.; Mary Noonan, Pakenham, Ont.; Barbara Sadler, Toronto, Ont.; Marion Schwanbeck, Dundurn, Sask.; Rose Stanfield, Dixie, Ont.; Williamina Stewart, Lakeview, Ont.; Margaret Tanney, Pembroke, Ont.; Anne Watson, Toronto, Ont.; Norma Weiler, Medicine Hat, Alta.; Isabelle Bart, Toronto, Ont.; Berniece Bernier, Chapleau, Ont.; Ruth Brook, Hensall, Ont.; Mary Comartin, New Lowell, Ont.; Marigold Cross, Hensall, Ont.; Mary Curtin, Welland, Ont.; Marian Doherty, Toronto, Ont.; Dorothy Mae Edis, Swastika, Ont.; Margaret Fairless, Lucan, Ont.; Muriel O. Fulton, Timmins, Ont.; Mary German, Toronto, Ont.; Janette Graham, Port Colborne, Ont.; Mary Ann Griffin, Brisben, N.Y.; Josephine Hefferman, Oshawa, Ont.; Lorraine Johns, Gravenhurst, Ont.; Theresa Joinette, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Isobel Knox, Port Credit, Ont.; Anna Marie Kramer, Mildmay, Ont.; Isabel Lamb, Wingham, Ont.; Claire Lee, Belleville, Ont.; Margaret Lucey, Toronto, Ont.; Harriet MacMahon, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Adella Matusaitis, Toronto, Ont.; Noreen Menard, Toronto, Ont.; Kathleen Moffet, Toronto, Ont.; Eleanor Mothersill, Oshawa, Ont.; Geraldine McCarthy, Toronto, Ont.; Catherine McDonald, Lindsay, Ont.; Norma McGuire, Welland, Ont.; Norah McHenry, Lonsdale, Ont.; Elizabeth O'Neill, Toronto, Ont.; Helen O'Rourke, Hornepayne, Ont.; Kathleen Pecore, South Porcupine, Ont.; Gloria Peppiatt, Newmarket, Ont.; Mahala Phinney, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Veronica Publow, Perth, Ont.; Mary Ramey, Cobalt, Ont.; Angela Ryan, Renfrew, Ont.; Marian Shaw, Dundas, Ont.; Marie Sirois, Toronto, Ont.; Mary Tongue, North Bay, Ont.; Edna Valiquette, Smooth Rock Falls, Ont.; Ruth Watson, Toronto, Ont.; Florentine Weiler, Chepstow, Ont.; Jean Wittmann, Toronto, Ont.

RECEPTION

Following the exercises a reception for the graduates and their friends was held in the Nurses' Residence. Sister Superior and Sister Mary Kathleen, Supt. of Nurses, received the guests. Benediction was given by Father Mogan in the Chapel for the graduates and their guests.

From the President

IT is my pleasant task as President to congratulate you, the members of the 1944 graduating class, and welcome you to the ranks of nursing. The mark of destiny is upon you as you leave your School in this year of Jubilee Re-union. The nursing profession needs you, as does your Alma Mater—your Alumnae Association. Through its membership you are able to continue and enhance your training friendships and by your participation and interest in Alumnae projects you will have a part in promoting the interests of St. Michael's nurses everywhere. May I congratulate you as a group, for you have set a record as a class in joining our Association. I am sure that you will not lose by your foresight. I would urge you to come out to the meetings; we need you, and I am sure you will understand when I say, you need the benefit of the experience of your Alumnae Association.

I shall look forward to seeing you again at the Fall meeting.

KATHLEEN M. BOYLE.

To the Graduates of 1944

IN 1894 a group of five young women stood proudly where you stand to-day, at the threshold of a nursing career with its promise of the thrill of the unknown future, of the challenge of the difficulties to be met and conquered, of the joy of giving in the interests of a suffering humanity, of the whole-souled satisfaction of a hard task well done. You, the graduates of 1944, are the results of their striving. Pioneers in their profession in a hospital still in its infancy, they gave the impetus to a work which today has surpassed their fondest hopes for the future, it is to them that you, the latest graduates of the Training School, of which we are so proud, owe your high traditions and ideals. During fifty years each class has formed a new link in the golden chain which binds you to those who bore the uncertainties and hardships attached to any new undertaking. To-day they appeal to you to carry on their work, their ambitions and their dreams. What they have built is yours and yours alone to maintain. St. Michael's Hospital with all that it has achieved is their challenge to you. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

SISTER SUPERIOR.

(The following are highlights of Mr. J. J. Fitzgibbon's speech as Chairman of the Graduating Exercises, taken from the Canadian Register).

In 1891 during the epidemic of the then dreaded diphtheria and scarlet fever, answering an appeal from Dr. Norman Allen, medical officer of health, a small band of Sisters from St. Joseph's Convent, Sister Juliana, Sister Francis de Sales and Sister St. Felix, assisted in the care of the sick at that time in the old Isolation Hospital on Broadview Ave. Later they were replaced by Sister Attracta, Sister Theophine, Sister Eugenie and Sister Demetria. Their success inspired the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent to take on the work of building, equipping and directing the first St. Michael's Hospital with 27 beds, in 1892, which has now grown to the well-staffed and well-equipped 700-bed hospital we know to-day.

St. Michael's was the first Catholic Hospital in Canada to found a school of nursing. In 1894 the first graduating class held their graduation exercises in the presence of the Sisters, doctors and staff, and from the hands of Dr. Dwyer, who was the first medical superintendent, and the Most Reverend John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, the first five graduates received their diplomas.

From this beginning came the development which has since seen 1,550 nurses graduate. 90 of these are now serving in the army, the navy and the air force, as are many of our staff doctors and technicians. 50 of these nurses have joined seven different religious communities. During the past year some 14 or 15 members of the prior classes have gone on to take University Post-graduate Courses.

At the present time there are 220 students in training under the direction of Sister Mary Kathleen. In the early days of St. Michael's there was a graduate staff of four or five; to-day we have a staff of over 105; 62 are engaged in general duty and 35 in supervisory and assistant supervisory capacity and the remaining eight are on the staff of the nursing school. During the year 1943 there were 15,089 patients treated in hospital; 14,789 in emergency and 73,333 in the out-patients' department, making a total of 103,211 patients.

Compared to the first nurses' home, generously donated by Mr Hugh Ryan, we have to-day a finely equipped nurses' residence containing besides suitable lecture rooms, etc., an extensive library containing over 3,000 volumes of religious, social, professional and cultural books."

GRADUATION DANCE

The members of the Graduating Class of 1944 were guests of honor at a very enjoyable dance given by the Alumnae Association at Eaton's Auditorium, on June 2nd. The event was convened very ably by Mary Alice Haughey '42 and Marie Kraft '43.

The guests were received by Miss K. Boyle, President of the Alumnae; Mrs. D. Ireland, President of the Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. G. Wilson, Miss Doreen Murphy, Miss M. A. Haughey, and Miss M. Kraft.

Coming as it did on the final day of the Registration Examinations, the Graduation Dance was a form of celebration for many members of the group and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Following Telegrams Were Received During the Re-union, Bearing Good Wishes

1894-1919 Group:
- Bertha Gibbons 1915.
- Mary Fitzpatrick 1907.
- Margaret Goodwin Finnegan 1916.
- Mary A. Pickett McAuliffe.
- Mary G. Fenn.
- Mrs. John T. Mulcahy (Mary Ellen Taylor) 1904, Pembroke, Ont.
- Lucy McCurdy 1915.
- Mary Hopkins MacDonald 1909.

1920-1934 Group:
- Olive H. Corley 1925.
- Helen J. McBrearty 1929.
- Marguerite Walsh.
- Sister Jeanette and Sister Amata 1921, Comox, B.C.
- Bernadine Snider 1941, Peterboro, Ont.

1934-1944 Group:
- Kay McCully 1936.
- Mrs. Wm. Campbell (Mary Mulcahy 1937).
- Betty Herringer 1940.
- Jeanette Dube 1940.

Otilla (Tilly) Bandel Heffering '33, who has been ill, was not strong enough to attend the re-union, but heard all about it from Mary Bandel.

A RE-UNION REPORTER STATES

That she saw the former supervisory staff of the O.R. dashing off for a little private re-union, to wit: Rose McQuaid '32, Mrs. Reg. Brown (Helen Watman '31), and Mrs. Finnegan (Marion Topham '32).

Re-unions were the order of the day, and most any restaurant you went into those three evenings you would see St. Michael's graduates carrying on where they left off in the afternoon.

Everyone was asking for the recipe of the Re-union fruit cake.

Sister Mercedes and Sister St. Edward were just like queens holding court on that first day.

Mrs. J. Corlett (Kay Ferguson '35) was in town from Galt for the re-union and was very happily greeted by all.

Re-Union Highlights.

Miss K. Meader '19, Watertown, N.Y., and Mrs. Shea (K. O'Brien '24), of London, Ont., were the guests of Mrs. Howard Lowrie (Eva Carroll '19) during the reunion. Mrs. B. Devaney (Bess O'Connor '19), Mary Hughes '24, and Mrs. Lowrie entertained for them during their stay.

Edith Russell Killingsworth was seriously ill in the hospital the very day of the re-union. Her classmates missed her very much.

Lallie Bidwell Symons '35 paid a flying visit to the city around re-union time.

Among those present from the Classes of 1895-1919 were Mrs. Streeter (Josie Crane), Fleming, Sask.; Mrs. Ralph Crane (Rose Casserley), of Pasadena, California; Mrs. B. Brady (Irene Condoi), Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Walker (M. O'Boyle), Bobcaygeon, Ont. Sister St Edmund was missed very much, as she was the only living member of her class unable to attend. (We think this establishes a record).

Helen Simpson Lynett John F. Lynett
HELEN SIMPSON FLOWERS
2518 YONGE STREET
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REUNION

This Golden Jubilee Year of the School of Nursing of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, brought together over six hundred of the one thousand five hundred and fifty graduates within these golden years. Distance and circumstances, of course, prevented many from attending but greetings from overseas and elsewhere united them with us in spirit, increasing our numbers to over a thousand. Worthy of mention is the fact that two pioneer graduates were present. It was a three-day celebration, May 9th, 10th and 11th, the days allotted respectively to the graduates of 1894-1919, 1920-1933, and 1934-1944.

In the beautiful Assembly Room decorated with panels portraying the history of the Community, Reverend Mother Margaret, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, welcomed the graduates on behalf of the Sisters. Years were dropped and dignity fled as those from Pasadena, New York, Chicago, Detroit and various points in Canada greeted each other with ecstatic shouts of joy.

On the opening day at 3.30 p.m. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given in the chapel by His Excellency, Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan, D.D. At the close of Benediction His Excellency read the Holy Father's message which conveyed congratulations and the papal blessing.

A pageant, including some of the "Highlights" in the history of the past fifty years of the school, was presented by the 1944 Preliminary students in the flag-decked auditorium of the Nurses' Residence. One of the most effective features of this very beautiful presentation was the replica of the first graduation picture. Nosegays were presented to the two graduates of 1894 class present, Miss L. O'Leary of Toronto and Mrs. A. Hilliker, of Simcoe, Ont. Another tableau portrayed the representative in the various Sisterhoods, and in the many fields of work in which the graduates are engaged.

At the Tea which was served by the Sisters in the Reception Rooms of the Nurses' Residence the joy of the "Get Together" seemed to reach its climax. The chatting and visiting went on for hours, and broke up only to be renewed again at the homes of those who were happy to be living in Toronto and were in a position to entertain the out-of-town guests. Each evening of the three days the nurses joined their friends in happy class re-unions. For many it was the first opportunity of being together since their own graduation day.

Jubilee 1944

THERE are times when we wish for the gifted pen of a Tennyson or for the ability of Theodore Maynard to make past scenes live again. This is one of those times, but mindful of the command, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's—literary talent," we will try to set down in our own simple style the glories of three glorious days—May 9th, 10th, 11th—the Jubilee celebration of St. Michael's Hospital. Fifty years ago the first graduates went forth carrying a standard of service, loyalty, and love which we, the graduates of to-day, still proudly claim as our own. In fifty years over fifteen hundred young women have received the diploma and pin of our school and, with our motto as the inspiration of their lives, have spread the noblest ideals of the nursing profession to all quarters of the globe. How often in the stress of life, graduates of forty, thirty or ten years ago must have sighed for the "good old days at St. Michael's," never supposing the good old days would come again. Yet—miracle of 1944 — they did! For three glorious days the pages of Life's book turned back, and we met again at St. Michael's to celebrate the Golden Jubilee. Some of us are older, some of us have met the buffets of time since we graduated from our beloved school, but for three days we were young again as we laughed and cried and reminisced together. . . "Do you remember when?" . . .

The programme was carefully and delightfully planned. We realize and are grateful for all the work that lay behind it. The classes were divided into three groups—First Day, 1894-1919; Second Day, 1920-1933; Third Day, 1934-1943. This was an excellent idea because, of course, there are hundreds of us, and even the new St. Michael's with its spacious Assembly Hall, could not accommodate at one time all who claim it for their own. Each day the same general plan was followed. First, the meeting in the Assembly Hall for registration and welcome. Then our pictures. Poor photographer!—it required a bell and a policeman's whistle to keep even a semblance of order. Just as a group would be smiling prettily —"all set," someone would see an old friend on the other side of the room and dart across for a greeting. Every one was so happy, and the pictures turned out fine in the end.

Then to the chapel for Benediction. On the opening day at 3.30 p.m., Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by His Excellency, Most Rev. J. C. McGuigan, D.D., and on the succeeding days by Rev. W. P. Smith, a former chaplain, and Rev. M. F. Mogan, the present chaplain; the assisting priests were Rev. T. Battle, Rev. E. Beahan, C.SS.R., Rev. A. E. McQuillen, Rev. H. Murray, Rev. M. J. Carroll, Rev. W. Dore, C.S.B., all former chaplains. At the close of the Benediction His Excellency read the Holy Father's message, which conveyed congratulations and the papal blessing; on the following days Rt. Rev. J. E. McRae, D.P., D.C.L., and Rt. Rev. W. C. McGrath, P.A., represented His Excellency in conveying the papal message

After Benediction we repaired to the Residence auditorium, where the preliminary students of 1944 entertained us with a delightful pageant, showing the beginning of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and the history of St. Michael's Hospital and School of Nursing. The poignant note was struck on the first day, when after being presented by St. Michael with a bouquet of flowers, two of the graduates of 1894 stepped out of the tableau, down to the audience, and pinned the nosegay on the real graduates who were present. Lunch followed the play—such a lunch! No caterer could ever have assembled so many good things with such a touch of home. Let me whisper—every sandwich and every dainty cake and cookie was made by the Sisters. Our Sisters of 1944 are carrying on the traditions of 1894—and we are proud of them. It had been intended that items of interest such as telegrams and letters from absent friends should be read over a loud speaker during lunch. It would have taken more than a loud speaker to be heard over the happy hubbub of that hour! Some of us had fifty years of gossip to catch up, and tongues fairly flew in merry questions and answers.

It was a glorious three days—memories of it will remain with us long after we have returned to our many and varied duties. In a world of sorrow, treachery, and pain, it seemed as though for one brief while we glimpsed what could be if Christians truly loved one another. Did we not take with us an inspiration to make our little corner of the world better and brighter because we are bound together in the love of Christ?

OUT-OF-TOWN LETTERS

Dear Members:

Thank you for your lovely flowers, prayers and good wishes during my recent illness. It came as a shock to me, as I had never been known to have an attack of appendicitis. However, I am well now, and God was good. I am recuperating in this lovely place and the California climate has done much to aid in my recovery, along with the kind prayers of my good friends. It has meant much to me, being away from home, to have your kind thoughts and letters.

ELIZABETH REGAN '11.

86 Union St.,
Simcoe, Ont.

Dear Sister:

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the Re-union of the graduate nurses. I must tell you that I enjoyed every minute of it, although there was a sad note, so many were missing and so few I knew! The welcome of the Sisters and nurses though was so cordial I almost felt I was again with those dear ones who have gone on before us. The arrangements were splendid and I enjoyed the tableau of our class picture so much. The lunch was delicious and I certainly did justice to it. I hope to have many more happy visits at St. Michael's.

ANNIE HILLIKER (Annie Chrysler, 1894).

R.R. No. 1, Cupar, Sask.

Dear Sister:

I regret very much that I am unable to attend the Graduates' Re-union. I have three children, the youngest a son, six weeks old, and the eldest has just started to school. This along with the shortage of help on the farm now, makes it practically impossible for me to get away. However, I will be with you all in spirit and hope that if you plan a Re-union for the 60th Graduation I may be able to attend. With fond remembrances and wishing every success for the Re-union,

MRS. A. LEHANE (Cordula Meehan '36).

Mary Thompson '27 is out of hospital and we are pleased to hear that she is improving in health.

Monastery Precious Blood,
3651 Hudson St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sister:

It is, of course, impossible to be at dear old St. Michael's with those who may gather there for the Re-union in May. But certainly I shall be with you in spirit and in prayer, and am sincerely grateful to be remembered.

With every good wish for your success in your work for God and souls,

Sincerely in the Divine Blood,

SR. MARY MAGDALEN (Gladys Gendron '17)

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital,
1500 Norfolk Ave.,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:

Your nice letter came with your kind invitation the other day. Please extend my heartiest congratulations for this happy occasion to all the good Sisters. I shall be with you in spirit on that day and you have the assurance of my prayers.

Probably you would like to know that we are called "Missionary Benedictine Sisters" and are located in Brazil, Africa, Korea, the Philippines, Germany, Switzerland and the U.S. The latter is in its infancy, our hospital here boasts of 32 beds. I had the happiness, however, of being one of the pioneers, and the only graduate at its opening 8 years ago. It has been a wonderful experience.

My kindest regards to everyone, and again, my congratulations!

Your grateful

SR. M. BERNADETTE (Bee Harrison '29).

Clarke's Beach,
Conception Bay, Newfoundland.

Dear Sister Superior:

I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to the Graduate Re-union and regret very much that I shall not be with you. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be there on May 11th and say "Hello" to all my friends in '36, and revisit the familiar scene of my happy years spent at St. Michael's.

With every good wish for continued success, and my regards to all the Sisters.

MRS. B. CARROLL (Edith Murphy '36).

R.R. No. 2, Alsace Rd.,
Powassan, Ont.

Dear Sister Superior:

It was not possible for me to be with you during the Jubilee time Your kind invitation brought back many memories of my training days. I was Rev. Mother Assumption's first probationer, and the last pupil nurse to get in on the two years' training, as the Hugh Ryan Wing was not completed until after my training days.

Wishing you all joy and success, I am,

ANNIE K. SPETZ (Class of 1895)

142-30 Franklin Place,
Flushing, N.Y.

My dear Sister Superior:

It is with deepest regret that I am unable to attend the 50th Jubilee Celebration. Although it has been many years since my graduation, it would be unnatural were I not to experience a degree of pride in the phenomenal steps forward in the remarkable progress of our Hospital.

I am not unmindful of the guiding inspiration that the Sisters of St. Joseph have been to me and I am fully aware of the privilege that has been mine by the many years of contact with my classmates and the other graduates.

May St. Michael's continue on its progressive path!

LILLIAN M. MOORE (Class of 1900).

R.R. No. 4, Perth, Ont.

Dear Sister Superior:

Thank you for your kind invitation to the Re-union. How very kind of you to think of me. How I would enjoy being there and being one of the gang, but I have been ill and it would be impossible for me to make the trip. I will be with you in spirit and I sincerely hope it will be a real success.

GERTRUDE L. SMITH (Class of 1917)

St. Johnsbury, Vermont,
Colonial Apts.

Dear Sister Mary of the Nativity:

I was very pleased to receive your kind invitation to the Re-union and would be delighted to attend, but I am afraid it is impossible. I have to be in Toronto in June and will enjoy seeing the Hospital then and as many of my friends as are there. No doubt I won't recognize the place.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE CUTHBERT (Class of 1912)

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sister Superior:

Many thanks for your kind invitation to the Re-union of Nurses. I shall be proud to be there as I have always felt that I belonged to St. Michael's and have been happy to be associated with it. Down through the many years that have passed I have watched with pride its growth and the success of its graduates.

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET KELMAN.

Oliver, B.C.

Dear Sister Mary of the Nativity:

I was so pleased to receive the invitation to the Re-union of the Graduates and would love to be with you all on May 9th and to meet my many old friends, some of whom I have not met for over forty years, but distance and sickness make it necessary to decline your kind invitation I will be with you in spirit on that day.

I have very happy recollections of my days spent at St. Michael's, and have never regretted giving up those three years as they certainly made for self-confidence and courage to attack problems and help others.

With all good wishes,

MARY HAFFEY BALL (Class of 1902)

Dorothy Callaghan '37 has returned from a holiday in Sudbury and is taking up Supervisory duties in St. Michael's.

Margaret McGarrell '38 has joined the staff of the Toronto General Hospital, as Clinical Supervisor on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Dunlop Building.

Lucretia Kruger '38 has returned from a vacation in Chapleau.

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BIRTHS

At St. Mary's Hospital, Timmins, Ont., March 26th, to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Kelly, a son, "Kevin James George."

On April 28th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Morris (Kathleen Harper '39), at Oshawa General Hospital, a son, "David Byron."

L.A.C. and Mrs. J. Skuce (L. Kyle '39) wish to announce the arrival of their son, "James Ralph," in Brandon, Manitoba, on Feb. 12, 1944.

In San Jose, California, on May 1, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Owen (Dot Death '36), a son, "Terry Curtis," a brother for Bobby.

On June 8th, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lentz (Tillie Cherriere '43), a daughter, "Julia Ann."

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sullivan (Leona Dubeau '39), on April 25, 1944, a son.

On July 1, at St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Tudhope (A. Reynolds '36), a daughter, "Alix Monica," a little sister for Tony and Sheelah.

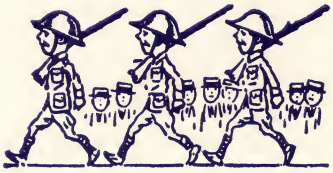
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Orton announce the arrival of their son, on June 4, 1944.

At St. Michael's Hospital, on April 6, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Spencer (Lillian McGee '37), a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Allan Gray announce the arrival of their son on March 6, 1944.

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, in April, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hyland (Aline LeBlanc '31), twin daughters.

At East Kilbridge, Lanarkshire, Scotland, on June 3, 1944, to Dr. and Mrs. Paul McGoey (nee Dr. Janet Waugh), a son.



WITH THE ARMED FORCES

Genevieve Donovan, former Instructress of Nurses at St. Paul's School of Nursing, Saskatoon, has joined the Royal Canadian Navy Nursing Corps.

Dr. D'Arcy Prendergast has been added to the strength of the Royal Navy as Lieutenant-Surgeon.

N.S. Edna Johnson '43, N.S. Beverley Brown '43, and N.S. Margaret Gallagher '43, are stationed at Chorley Park, Toronto.

Word has been received that N.S. Dorothy Tegler '39, N.S. Ella Beardmore '43, and N.S. M. H. MacDonald '43, have arrived safely overseas.

N.S. Lorraine Larson '37 is now serving in France.

N.S. Marion Pallett '38 was injured while on active duty in Italy. How about a letter to cheer the invalid! Address is No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station, R.C.A.M.C., C.M.F.

News from Rita St. Amand Moore '38, now living in Sudbury, relates that her sister Mary, who post-graduated at St. Michael's, is stationed in England with the R.C.A.M.C. ready to leave for France.

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LETTERS FROM THE ARMED FORCES

St. James Military Hospital,
St. John, N.B.

CANADA

I'm sorry to be such a poor correspondent but time just flies. Now I shall have less time than ever, I guess. I have been stationed in Fredericton and was on night duty, but now I'm at St. John. Most of the nurses here are New Brunswick graduates and it is pleasant meeting so many new people. I think of all my friends from St. Michael's often. Best regards to all.

N.S. Ida Oleskevich '36.

ITALY.

This to answer all my Easter mail. It is good hearing from home. The weather has been grand here lately; everything is so green and in bloom. Imagine having bouquets of camillias, lilies, orange and apple blossoms in your room all the time, the little maid keeps us supplied, in fact at Easter we just about had to move out. Vesuvius is about the most spectacular thing you could see when it erupts, with huge walls of fire rolling down the mountain side.

Was out to 15th General and saw Marg Robertson and Joan Ward. Joan took a P.G. in the O.R. at St. Michael's. We are all fine here, our diet has improved, we have fresh meat every day and have had fresh eggs three times since Christmas. All I would like now is a quart of milk. I'm just finishing 8 weeks' night duty. We had a blitz one night which I will tell you about later. We were very fortunate.

MARGARET CONLIN '41.

ITALY.

As you see, I am back with the old gang, at least I was for a couple of days; now I have been particularly fortunate in being loaned out to Field Dressing Stations right up behind the lines; it's the furthest up Canadian nurses have ever gone. It is a wonderful but dreadful experience; we get direct battle casualties. The boys are wonderful through it all; you never hear a complaint. They are so appreciative of everything you do for them you could weep sometimes. I can't tell you much about Italy, for I haven't seen much of it. About the only trip I've had was back to Cassino the other night for a few hours. Bob Meiklejohn is on one of the surgical units here. I saw Adie Cooney, Flora Brohman and Marg. Robertson when I first got here but I guess I won't see them again for a while, we are so far ahead of them.

Marion Pallett '38.

Dear Members of the Alumnae:

At present I am on leave; yes, the first since leaving England last June. This is called a rest, and we are spending it at our Rest Home, a collection of villas, one large and four small ones, right on the Adriatic. The weather has favoured us, so we are really enjoying it and resting. In five days I've walked in to the nearest town three times (20 miles), first day to go shopping, on Sunday to go to Mass, and yesterday to go sailing in a small fishing boat. Unfortunately it was cloudy and cold; of course the sun came out and stayed out as soon as we got back to the harbour. Have had two walks down to the sea shore and on Sunday afternoon we all went to tea at No. 5 General. They sent a bus to pick us up; the drive was a pleasant one through almond and olive groves. The almond blossoms were beautiful. Barb Grant was over for Saturday night so we had a good reunion. Somehow we didn't manage to contact each other while in England so this was our first meeting since our Class Dinner in May '40. Saw Sammy Seargeant at the tea. He looks splendid and is Chief of Surgery at No. 5.

15th General has quite a representative St. Michael's group now; quite a change; for a long time I was the one and only; it is pleasant to have so many old friends around.

This letter is really to thank you for the grand Christmas parcel which I received in the middle of February. All our parcels were late this year because of our move. I'm happy that I did not write immediately because all our February mail was lost, so sometimes it pays to put off letter writing.

Thank you all again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

MARGARET HUNT '32,
15th Canadian General Hospital
Canadian Army C.M.F.

~ WEDDINGS ~

STEEN-MORRISON— At Camp Fannin, Texas, on March 25, 1944, Dolores A. Morrison '35 to Corp. John Francis Steen. They are residing at 701 West Rusk St., Tyler, Texas.

SADLER - DAVIE — On June 26, 1944, in St. John's Church, Kingston Rd., Toronto, Kathleen Davie '44 to Capt. Eric Sadler. Joan MacKinnon '44 was bridesmaid.

FITZGERALD-NEGUS—In St. John's Chapel, Toronto, on April 7, 1944, Loretto Negus '44 to Michael Fitzgerald. Rev. Father Battle officiated.

MONTEMURO-HERRINGER—In Newman Chapel, on May 27, 1944, Josephine Herringer '43 to Capt. Thos. Montemuro, R.C.A.M.C. Father F. Mogan officiated. The reception was held at Newman Club. They are residing in Montreal.

MEADEN-ADAMS—In Toronto, on May 6, 1944, Marjorie Adams '44 to James Meaden. The groom is the brother of Jane Meaden '44. They are residing in Toronto.

PAQUETTE-STEPHENSON—On April 22, 1944, at St. Patrick's Church, Toronto, Anna Bernadette Stephenson '38 to Adelard A. Paquette. Father F. B. Coffey, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. They are residing in Hamilton, Ont.

SOLMES-VINCENT—In Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on May 27th, 1944, Jeanne Vincent '43 to Capt. Gerald Solmes, R.C.A.M.C.

FLEMING-GALLAGHER—At Douglas, Ont., at the Church of St. Michael, on June 17, 1944, Leona Gallagher '42 to Cpl. Walter I. Fleming, R.C.A.F. Father J. Quilty officiated.

SOPER-YOUNG—On June 3, at the Army Airbase Chapel, Tyndall Field, Florida, Dorothy Jean Young '42 to Lieut. Donald M. Soper, U.S.A.A.C. Following a luncheon served in the Officers' Club, the couple left on a honeymoon along the Gulf of Mexico. They are residing in Panama City, Florida.

PYM-ROQUE—At St. Bonaventure's Church, Killarney, Ont., June 19th, 1944, Rita Mary Roque '44 to David J. Pym. Rev. V. P. McHugh officiated.

GILDNER-KOVALCHUK—In Kirkland Lake, Ont., on June 4, 1944, Mary Kovalchuk '44 to F.O. Kenneth Gildner, R.C.A.F.

GREGG-McLARTY—On June 24, 1944, at St. John's Chapel, Toronto, Helena McLarty '37 to Robert John Gregg. They are residing in Toronto.

ENGAGEMENTS

Norma Middleton '43 to Louis Douglas. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Helen Wadden '43 to Capt. Bill Bearstoe. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Lillian Hodges '43 to Bernard Lepkey. Wedding to take place in Toronto on July 22nd.

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We Extend Our Sympathy to :

The Sisters of St. Joseph in the recent loss of Mother Irene.

Rev. Sister Carmella who lost her sister recently.

Rev. Sister St. Hugh in the loss of her father.

Rev. Sister Mary of the Nativity in the recent loss of her brother.

Marie Bedford '42 in the recent loss of her mother.

Mrs. A. Meagher (Isabel Jewell '29) in the recent loss of her mother.

Orma Davidson '33 in the loss of her mother.

Dorothy Banks '43 in the loss of her sister, Mrs. F. Davies.

Genevieve O'Leary '46 in the loss of her mother.

Irene Nealon '33 in the loss of her mother.

Mrs. J. C. Barfoot (Audrey McKenzie '42), whose husband was killed over the Pacific coast.

IN MEMORIAM

DOROTHY McDEVITT

It was with great regret that the many friends and associates of Dorothy McDevitt learned of her sudden death in New York City.

Dorothy graduated in 1925, winning the scholarship of that year. She went directly to New York and had an interesting and successful career there. Many activities outside of her profession claimed her, as she travelled extensively and was quite interested in the Little Theatre Movement. She will be greatly missed by her friends and especially by her family.

Requiem Mass was said at St. Cecilia's Church, Toronto, and interment in Mount Hope Cemetery. Many from the medical and nursing profession were present.

Public Health

Velma Burbridge '24 having completed a course at Teacher's College, Columbia University, has returned to the Henry Street Nurses, in New York City.

Margaret Regan '41 and Margaret McNamara '42 have joined the staff of the Toronto Department of Health.

Anne MacMahon '42 has been awarded a Scholarship for Post Graduate Study by the St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses' Association.

Miss Maude Tisdale '39 was chosen by the Victorian Order of Nurses, Toronto, to represent them at the R.N.A.O. Convention in London, in Easter week.

Madeline Herbert '39, formerly with the V.O.N. in Toronto, has left to join the Dept. of Health in the City of Vancouver.

M. Bedford '42 has joined the staff of the Dept. of Health, City of Toronto.

P. Kelly '42 is now with the St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fletcher (Alice Botting '36), and son Richard, spent a short holiday visit here recently.

Laura Rainboth has retired from staff duty at Christie St. Hospital.

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R.N.A.O.

THE 19th annual meeting of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario was held at the Hotel London, London, Ont., during Easter week. Greetings were extended by His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman of district No. 1. Miss Eileen Flanagan, President of the Quebec Nurses' Association, was a welcome guest. There were 60 students registered from as far west as Fort William and as far east as Ottawa. Among these were two St. Michael's students. St. Michael's was also represented among the professional exhibits. The Presidential Address was very well received and Miss Walker stressed the fact that organized nursing must meet the demands of the public. This was a special test for each individual nurse who must assume the responsibility for her choice of nursing.

Outstanding reports were as follows:

Membership Committee—Total membership was 5,972 (just one-third of total nurses in Ontario).

Health Insurance—The Committee was watching the progress of the Bill with the interests of the members in mind.

Committee on Registries—Registry Adviser to continue. 18 more registries are in operation. An Institute for Registrars was held. Housekeepers have been added to the London Registry as an experiment. Registry Libraries are being developed.

Council on Nurse Education—The Committee reported (1) a noticeable decrease in sick time in hospital where hours of work had been reduced; (2) Raising this July of the entrance requirement of all schools to Secondary School Diploma; (3) Wider inspection and direction of post-graduate courses offered.

It was hoped that legislation for registration and licensing of practical nurses would be enacted shortly.

Canadian Nurse Magazine—New editor is Miss Kerr.

Recruitment Programme—Miss M. Dulmage made 84 visits to Secondary Schools in Ontario. Was responsible for distribution of 8,500 pamphlets and 175 posters.

Federal Grants Committee—$60,000.00 allotted to Ontario. 30 bursaries of $300 were awarded for post graduate study. 35% went in grants to Hospitals, 16% to Universities.

Miss Jean Masten was elected President and was welcomed by the members after being introduced by the retiring President, Miss Mildred Walker. The convention in 1945 will be held in Hamilton.

AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. ALMOND TURNER was presented with an honorary life membership at the recent annual luncheon meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Michael's Hospital. Mrs. F. A. Ireland was unanimously re-elected president. Reports showed a busy and successful year.

Mrs. A. Hymus reported 9,783 articles made by the sewing groups during the year. Announcement was made that Miss Rose Stanfield of Dixie, Ont., was the winner of the Auxiliary Scholarship entitling her to a year's public health nursing at the University of Toronto.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Laird Alexander, vice-president; Mrs. E. Dixon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Danis, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Shannon, treasurer.

Sister Emerentia and Sister Mary Francis represented St. Michael's Hospital at the recent Canadian Dietitic Convention in Vancouver, B.C. They had a very enjoyable trip and were able to spend a short time in Comox, B.C., where they were made very welcome by Sisters Amâta, Jeanette, Faustini and Felicitas.

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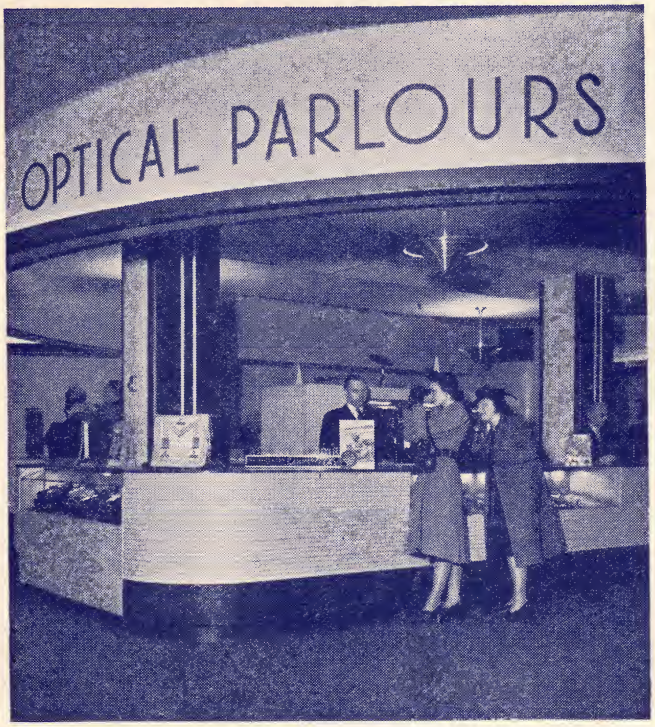

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Previous to her recent marriage, Helena McLarty '37 was entertained at a shower by Alvida O'Brien Cunningham '40, and Cecilia Pelletier McLarty '37.

Monica Gallagher '36 and Marg. Thurlow Benny '38, had a very delightful two weeks' holiday in Nassau, Bahamas. They flew, and by all accounts had a delightful time.

Sister St. Albert and Sr. M. Vianney represented St. Michael's at the recent Catholic Hospital Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

May Hymers Moore '33 has joined her husband in Vancouver.

Sister Jeanne is taking the summer course at University of St. Louis.

Cpl. and Mrs. T. Newell (Mary Krane '36) and little son David, have been summer visitors here.

While holidaying Margaret McGarrell '38 saw Louise Boisjoli Drapeau '40 in Quebec City and visited Clea Desmond Packard '39 in Montreal

The following are now on the staff at Christie St. Hospital: Kay Laurier '41, Audrey Gendron '26, Nora McDevitt '40, Rosella Heffernan '40, Margaret Hanlin '42.

Class '42 held a supper party at the Royal York on April 25th, 1944. Among the guests were Patricia O'Connor, Dr. J. Moriarty, Bert Dubeau, Lieut. Alan Wyse, Eileen Morris, Dr. D. Hutchins, Mary Haughey, Dr. Ross Lobb, Gwen Ferguson, Ross Willoughby, Carmie Borg, Dr. Wes Dix, Helen O'Leary, Dr. Ron Atkin, Margaret Smith, Capt. Steve Williams, Pearl Yaeck, Lieut. Bill Stewart, Louise Bart, Dr. James Masson, Irene Huntley, Don Hilliard, Margaret McNamara, Cecil Farrell, Marie Bedford, Frank Lamphier, Mickey McCarthy, Patricia Gallagher, N.S. Rita Moyle, Fred. Lavell, and Dr. and Mrs. Bill Murby.

The Class of '38 held a Re-union Luncheon at the Arcadian Court on their Re-union Day. Among those present were: Betty Dunn Watson, Phylis Harding, Molly McMullen Edmonds, Winnifred Cowan, Mildred Brown Fleming, Marie Meehan, Margaret McGarrell, Mary Van Praagh, and Margaret MacDonell Neville.

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